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The Seal of the State of California is a circular emblem. It features a central figure, Minerva, seated and holding a grizzly bear skin over her lap and a spear in her right hand. The word "EUREKA" is inscribed above her head. The background of the seal depicts a landscape with mountains, a bay with a sailing ship, and a small settlement with a windmill. The outer ring of the seal contains the text "THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF" at the top and "CALIFORNIA" at the bottom.

OPERATION IDENTIFICATION (OR OPERATION I.D.)

This program can be used in the home or by businesses for burglary prevention and property identification. Marking property with an identifying number can discourage burglary and theft. This number also helps law enforcement agencies identify lost or stolen property.

WHERE DO I GET AN ENGRAVER?

Call your local law enforcement agency to borrow an electric engraving tool. Engraving tools are also available at hardware, department or variety stores at affordable prices.

WHAT SHOULD BE MARKED WITH AN ENGRAVER?

Electronic equipment such as radios, televisions, camera equipment, VCRs, compact discs, and tape decks attract thieves. Mark them along with sports equipment, small appliances and tools. Small or very valuable items such as jewelry or antiques can either be engraved by a jeweler or photographed for identification purposes.

WHAT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER SHOULD BE USED?

Use your driver's license number and the state-identifier (CA for California). People who don't drive should use their California identification card number. These can be obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

WHERE DO I MAKE THE ENGRAVING?

Mark items as conspicuously as possible without defacing them. Make sure it is permanently affixed and not on any part that is removable. For additional protection, engrave an item a second time in a less obvious location.

HOW TO USE THE ENGRAVER

- Hold the engraver straight up and down when in use.
- Adjust the tool for surface differences, if necessary.
- Practice using the tool before you mark your property.

KEEP AN INVENTORY OF ENGRAVED ITEMS

List your engraved items and include their make, model, size, color, and serial number, if applicable. Record the exact spots where you engraved your identification number on each item. Keep a copy at home and in a secure place such as a safety deposit box.

DISPLAY YOUR OPERATION I.D. STICKER

Once you've marked your property, display an Operation I.D. sticker near every entrance of your home. Your local law enforcement agency's crime prevention unit has these stickers.
